Application Serial No.: 10/684,201
Amendment dated December 7, 2006

Responsive to Office Action dated September 8, 2006

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to an Office Action mailed on September 8, 2006. Claims 1-11, 13-23 and 25-28 are pending in this application. The Examiner asserts that claims 1-3, 5, 8-9, 15, 17, 20, 22, 23 and 29 are rejected and claims 4, 6, 7, 10-14, 16, 18, 19, 21 and 24-28 are objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims. Applicants respectfully draws the Examiner's attention to the Amendment submitted on June 16, 2006, wherein claims 4, 13 and 16 were rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4, 13 and 16 are in condition for allowance.

Furthermore, independent claims 1 and 17 were amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claims 12 and 24, respectively, which were indicated in both the January 25, 2006 Office Action and the September 8, 2006 Final Rejection. Claims 12, 24 and 29 were cancelled. However, the Examiner maintains her rejection of claims 1 and 17 and her indication that claims 12, 24 and 29 are allowable. Applicants assume the Examiner intended to remove reference to claims 12, 24 and 29 and will proceed accordingly.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also stated that the "Examiner will consider favorably claiming the adapter allows the card holder to [be] selectively rotatable from a first position to a second position 90 degrees with respect to the first position." By this Amendment, whereas Applicants believe the cited references do not teach or suggest the invention as claimed, in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants adopt the suggested language. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 17 have been amended to recite "the adapter allows the card holder to be selectively positioned in a first orientation and at least one alternate orientation, wherein the at least one alternate orientation comprises the first position rotated substantially ninety-degrees."

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully maintain that claims 1 and 17 and the claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance and request withdrawal of the rejection.

All amendments and cancellations have been made without prejudice solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution, and Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file later continuation applications directed to the claims that have been canceled or amended herein. Applicants respectfully maintain that no new subject matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-11, 13-23 and 25-28 remain pending in this application and are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the present application in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks provided herein is respectfully requested.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

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